

REMARKS

The Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter "the Board"), dated February 10, 2005, has been received and reviewed.

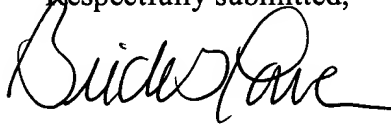
The Examiner's rejections of claims 17-33, 50-72, and 74-101 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, were upheld by the Board. Independent claims 17, 50, and 71 have been amended to remove language that the Board has held is not adequately described in the specification of the above-referenced application. It is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, as well as claims 18-33, 51-70, and 72 and 74-101 depending respectively therefrom, complies with the written description requirement of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and, thus, recites subject matter which is allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Notably, the Board also reversed all of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections that had been presented in the above-referenced application "for the reasons stated in the Brief [and] Reply Brief . . ." Decision, page 4.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 17-33, 50-72, and 74-101 is allowable. If any issues preventing allowance of the above-referenced application and passage of the above-referenced application for issuance remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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